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Petition Under 37CFR 1.137(b)

In response to the notice of abandonment via telephone call of February 27, 2002 this petition is filed within the three months required.

For this 37 CFR 1.137(b) petition the required reply is submitted herewith and the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) is transmitted by a deposit account authorization. A statement that the entire delay in filing the reply was unintentional from the due date therefor until grant of this petition. A terminal

disclaimer is not required because the instant application was filed after June 8, 1995 and this petition is filed under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The undersigned make a general statement that the delay for the entire period of abandonment was unintentional. Additional information follows to satisfy any Commissioner requirement about if the delay was unintentional.

The problem resulting in the delay

The Applicant's undersigned attorney explains the delay in responding to the request for the filing of formal drawings, dated May 21, 2001 attachment 1 received on May 21, 2001. Applicant filed by a proposed drawing amendment on August 27, 2001, attachment 2. That was approved in the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed September 21, 2001 and received by the assignee, Mikohn Gaming Corporation, on October 1, 2001 attachment 3. New formal drawings were requested therein under the Notice of Allowability, paragraph number 7(b). Attachments 1, 2 and 3 are true copies.

The Assignee Mikohn Gaming Corporation paid the issue fee, on October 1, 2001. The undersigned had not seen the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due which was handled by Charles H. McCrea Jr., Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the assignee, Mikohn Gaming Corporation, when the issue fee paid.

The delay period

The undersigned attorney did not know that the second response to the office action filed on August 27, 2001 in the above-identified application had resulted in allowance. The undersigned attorney never saw the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed September 21, 2001 and received by the assignee, Mikohn Gaming Corporation, on October 1, 2001, attachment 3 or the new formal drawings request therein under the Notice of Allowability, paragraph number 7(b).

From the file for this application it appears that Charles H. McCrea Jr., Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the assignee, Mikohn Gaming Corporation, paid the issue fee on October 1, 2001. No formal drawings were sent before or with the payment of the issue fee.

During the time between October 1, 2001 and February 2002 when the undersigned received a telephone call indicating abandonment on January 21, 2002, the undersigned believed that the response of August 27, 2001 had not been acted upon. The investigation began immediately after the telephone call and drawings were prepared for filing upon receipt, on April 5, 2002 of the written Notice of Abandonment. The undersigned did not know that the issue fee was paid and that no formal drawings had been filed. Delays in filing a timely reply before abandonment of the application and in filing this initial petition to revive were not deliberate as explained by the undersigned.

On behalf of the Applicant, the undersigned has made a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action with a substantially complete reply to the non-final Office action with the formal drawings filed herewith. The undersigned on behalf of the Applicant request revival of the application and continued prosecution.

For the Applicant, the undersigned respectfully requests allowance of the petition.

Respectively submitted for Applicant,



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